

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting stored video programs (S_i) in which, together with the video programs (S_i) ~~their, respective~~ running time-times (t_{Di}) of the video programs and, ~~if necessary, an~~ respective information ~~item-items~~ (I_i) about the content, ~~for example the genre, of the respective video programs~~ are stored, wherein, ~~on the basis of a specified time duration (ΔT),~~ said method comprising the steps of:

multiplying the respective running times of the stored ~~these video programs (S_n)~~ are automatically selected from the ~~stored video programs (S_i)~~ whose running time (t_{Dn}) multiplied by any applicable compression factor (C_n) thereby forming respective modified running times; and

selecting the video programs having respective modified running times ~~is~~ shorter than or equal to ~~the~~ a specified time duration (ΔT).

2. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting stored video programs (S_i) in which, with video programs (S_i), ~~their~~ respective running time-times (t_{Di}) and, ~~if necessary, an~~ respective information ~~item-items~~ (I_i) about the content, ~~for example the~~

genre, of the respective video programs are stored, wherein said method comprising the steps of:

_____ multiplying the respective running times of the stored video programs by any applicable compression factor (C_n) thereby forming respective modified running times;

_____ selecting, on the basis of a specified time duration (ΔT) up to a subsequent video program (S_F) having specified transmission start (t_{F0}) and an anticipated transmission end (t_{FE}), ~~these video programs (S_n) are automatically selected from the stored video programs (S_i) whose running time (t_{Dn}), multiplied by any applicable compression factor (C_n) is having respective modified running times~~ shorter than or equal to N times the specified time duration (ΔT), where N is between 1 and 2; and

_____ playing back wherein the subsequent video program (S_F) ~~is played back~~ with a time offset and in a compressed form so that the anticipated transmission end (t_{FE}) of the subsequent video program is adhered to.

3. (Currently Amended) A The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises: ~~combinations of~~

_____ forming combinations of a plurality of video programs (S_n) are automatically selected, wherein in which a the sum of the modified running time (t_{Dn}), multiplied by any applicable

~~compression factor (C_n) of each video program (S_n) in the combination times is shorter than or equal to N times the specified time duration (ΔT), where N is between 1 and 2.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method as claimed in claim 1, wherein, ~~said method further comprises the step of:~~

~~selecting, on the basis of an information item (I_B) specified by a user, those video programs (S_G) are selected from the selected video programs (S_n) whose having respective content information (I_G) corresponds corresponding to the user's requirement user-specified information item (I_B).~~

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method as claimed in claim 2, wherein, ~~said method further comprises the step of:~~

~~selecting, on the basis of an information item (I_F) of the subsequent video program (S_F), those video programs (S_G) are selected whose from the selected video programs having respective content information (I_G) corresponds corresponding to the information item (I_F) of the subsequent video program (S_F).~~

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stored video programs (S_i) contain at least one compression factor (C_i).

7. (Currently Amended) A-The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compression factor (C_i) of a video program (S_i) is applied during the storage of the video program (S_i).

8. (Currently Amended) A-The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compression factor (C_i) of a video program (S_i) takes place in a separate run after the storage of the video program (S_i).

9. (Currently Amended) A-The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises the step of:
_____the user enters-entering an identification code.

10. (Currently Amended) A-The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the video programs (S_i) are selected as a function of parameters assigned to the identification code.

11. (Currently Amended) A-The method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the parameters assigned to the identification code contain a selection of permissible content information items (I_i).

12. (Currently Amended) A-The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein a user's inputs are stored together with the identification code.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the video programs (S_i) are selected as a function of the absolute time.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the applicable compression, if any, of the video programs (S_i) takes place as a function of the running time of the video program (S_i).

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the video program (S_i) is compressed as a function of the information (I_i) about the content, ~~for example the genre,~~ of the video program (S_i).

16. (Currently Amended) A playback device ~~(1)~~ for video programs (S_i), said playback device comprising: having
_____ at least one memory device (5) for storing the video
programs (S_i) and their ~~respective~~ running times (t_{Di}) of the video
programs; and, ~~furthermore having~~
_____ a control unit (12) for the ~~selection of~~ selecting those
video programs (S_n) from the stored video programs (S_i) whose
running times (t_{Dn}), when multiplied by any applicable compression
factor (C_n) ~~is,~~ are shorter than or equal to N times a specified
time duration (ΔT), where the factor N is between 1 and 2.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ playback device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein said playback device further comprises:
_____ an input unit (11) is provided for the input of inputting
the time duration (ΔT).

18. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ playback device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein said playback device further comprises:
_____ a memory device (7) for storing information (I_i) about the content, for example the genre, of the video programs (S_i) ~~is provided that is, said memory device being connected to a the~~
~~control unit (12) for the selection of selecting~~ those video programs (S_n) from the selected video programs (S_n) whose content information (I_G) corresponds to a user's requirement (I_B).

19. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ playback device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 16, ~~having wherein~~ said playback device further comprises:
_____ a memory device (8) for storing at least one compression factor (C_n) assigned to the video programs (S_i).

20. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ playback device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein said playback device further comprises:
_____ an input unit (11) is provided for the entry of inputting a user identification code.

21. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ playback device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein said playback device further comprises:

_____ a database ~~(13)~~ ~~is provided for the storage of~~ storing an entered time duration (ΔT) associated with an identification code and, if necessary, input (I_B) of an information item (I_i) about the content of the video programs (S_i).

22. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ playback device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein said playback device further comprises:

_____ a summing unit ~~(16)~~ ~~is provided, which summing unit (16)~~ ~~is connected to the control unit (12)~~.

23. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ playback device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein said playback device further comprises:

_____ at least one compression device ~~(14)~~ ~~is provided for the compression of~~ compressing the playback of a video program (S_i).

24. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ playback device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein said playback device further comprises:

_____ a device ~~(15)~~ ~~is provided for selection of~~ selecting the method of compression of the video programs (S_i).

25. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ playback device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein said playback device further comprises:

_____ at least one memory device ~~(17)~~ ~~is provided for the~~
~~temporary storage of~~ temporarily storing video signals during
playback.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The playback device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in
claim 16, wherein said playback device further comprises:

_____ a timer ~~(18)~~ ~~is provided that is~~ connected to the control
unit ~~(12)~~.